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## **Republic of Korea – AEGIS Shipboard Combat Systems**

On 18 March, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Korea of AEGIS Shipboard combat systems and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$1.2 Billion.

The Republic of Korea (ROK) has requested a possible sale of three AEGIS Shipboard Combat Systems, three AN/UPX-29(V) Aircraft Identification Monitoring System MK XII Identification Friend or Foe systems, three shipboard gridlock systems, three Common Data Link Management System/Joint Tactical Distribution Systems, three MK 34 gun weapon systems, three Navigation Sensor System Interfaces, testing and combat system engineering technical assistance, computer program maintenance, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical assistance, testing, publications and documentation, training, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$1.2 billion.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by significantly improving the defense capabilities and security of a key defense treaty ally which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Northeast Asia.

Installation of the AEGIS Combat System on ships of the ROK naval force will provide enhanced capabilities to defend against possible aggression by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), as well as protect sea lines of communications. AEGIS is the keystone in Korea's efforts to upgrade its shipboard anti-air warfare capability. Korea is fully capable of integrating this system into their operational forces and will receive data sufficient for basic maintenance of the equipment.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will have a positive impact on the military balance in the region by improving the inter-operability of U.S. and ROK naval forces and increasing the ROK's ability to defend against any aggressive naval, air or missile attack undertaken by the DPRK.

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Naval Electronic Systems and Support of Morristown, New Jersey; Raytheon Company of Andover, Massachusetts; General Dynamics Armament Systems of Burlington, Vermont; and Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics Systems and Support of Eagan, Minnesota. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to proposed sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment to Korea of any U.S. Government representatives. It will require the assignment of approximately 50 contractor representatives for approximately five years to support integration and testing of the AEGIS Combat Systems.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale. This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.